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Man Arrested for Reckless Endangerment After Leading Officers on a Chase

St. Thomas, USVI - On Sunday, September 17, 2023, at approximately 5:51 p.m., officers along with the Special Operations Bureau (SOB) officers were conducting traffic enforcement on Turpentine Roadway when the driver of a white Chevy Malibu was observed not wearing his seatbelt. An officer approached the vehicle to advise the operator to wear his seatbelt, however while doing so, the operator of the white Chevy Malibu made an illegal Uturn on Turpentine Roadway and started accelerating at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to conduct an inspection of the vehicle in the Havensight area, however the operator of the white Chevy Malibu ignored the marked police unit's blue lights and sirens and kept driving at a high rate of speed through the Veterans Drive area. As the white Chevy Malibu continued on Moravian Highway, the driver collided with three vehicles and then three more vehicles on Julian Jackson Drive.

As the vehicle came to a stop, a black male wearing a yellow shirt and navy-blue shorts opened the passenger door and fled in an unknown direction. The officers on scene conducted an inspection in the area for the male to no avail. Detectives were able to detain the driver of the white Chevy Malibu without incident.

Mr. Kenneth Rogers, age unknown, was transported to Richard N. Callwood Command where he was read his constitutional rights and was placed under arrest for Reckless Endangerment. Mr. Kenneth Rogers was booked and processed. Bail was set at \$30,000.00, which Mr. Rogers was unable to post pending his Advised of Rights Hearing.

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